



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1604, **Agenda Item #:** 27.

3/26/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7 to the agreement with Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center, dba Integral Care to increase funding for the expansion of homeless outreach services provided by the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (or PATH) Team for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2020 and the one remaining 12-month extension option, each in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$9,687,380.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$150,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining extension options of the agreement is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

December 13, 2018 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 5, increasing the agreement by \$130,000 for the expansion of homeless outreach services on consent with an 8-0 vote, with Mayor Adler and Council Member Flannigan off the dais and Council Member Renteria absent.

September 11, 2018- Council approved Ordinance No. 20180911-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget that included \$130,000 in new ongoing funding for homeless outreach and navigation services on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Troxclair voting no.

October 6, 2016 - Council authorized an agreement with Integral Care for a 12-month term beginning on October 1, 2016 with four 12-month renewal options, on a 9-0 vote, with Council Member Zimmerman abstaining and Council Member Troxclair absent.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 7 to the agreement with Integral Care for Main Mental Health Services to increase funding to expand homeless outreach and navigation services through the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Team. The PATH Program is one of several programs partially funded through this current agreement with Integral Care. Two additional PATH team members will provide outreach and engagement services to individuals in encampments, connecting them to resources and services, in conjunction with City department clean-ups and debris removal.

Amendment No. 6 exercised the third 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2019.

Amendment No. 5 added \$130,000 of ongoing funding for expansion of the PATH Program for homeless outreach.

Amendment No. 4 exercised the second 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2018.

Amendment No. 3 added \$45,757 for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 term, based on a 2.5% cost of living adjustment approved by Council during the annual budget adoption.

Amendment No. 2 exercised the first 12-month extension option beginning October 1, 2017.

Amendment No. 1 added \$40,987 for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 term, based on a 2.3% cost of living adjustment approved by Council during the annual budget adoption.

Integral Care is designated by the State of Texas as the Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Local Authority for Austin/Travis County. City funding in this agreement serves as a grant match for millions of dollars of state and federal funds for early childhood intervention services, homeless services, behavioral health services and intellectual/developmental disability services to residents of Austin/Travis County. In addition, funding in this agreement supports mental health disaster preparedness, outreach and prevention, education and awareness, community planning, and maintenance of infrastructure. Included in this agreement is funding for PATH Program, a federally funded program designed to provide active outreach to areas where individuals are homeless and disenfranchised. Specialists work to develop an honest, helpful relationship towards a consumer-directed plan. The PATH Program contains outreach and engagement specialists, psychiatrists, a certified medical assistant and a licensed clinical supervisor linking consumers with established mainstream services and resources. Length of service in the PATH Program varies based on individual needs. Increased funding provided in Amendment No. 7 will expand the PATH program by two additional team members, increasing homeless outreach and navigation capacity throughout Austin/Travis County, and connecting more individuals to services and housing resources.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.